

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michelle M. HANNA

Appl. No.: 10/600,581

Filed: June 23, 2003

For: **Molecular Detection Systems
Utilizing Reiterative
Oligonucleotide Synthesis**

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Art Unit: 1637

Examiner: Kim, Young J.

Atty. Docket: 2072.0010002/MAC

Statement of Substance of the Interview

Commissioner for Patents
PO Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the Interview Summary mailed December 5, 2008, Applicant submits herewith the following Statement of the Substance of the Interview held on November 25, 2008. It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, if additional extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks

Reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview

Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Kim for the very courteous and helpful interview granted to Applicant's undersigned attorney on November 25, 2008. At the interview Applicant was granted the opportunity to discuss the invention, the outstanding rejections and the amendments to the claims. The interview summary as provided by the Examiner is correct.

As noted on the Examiner's interview summary, Applicant was also granted the opportunity to discuss the possibility of rejoinder of non-elected groups. Applicant sincerely thanks Examiner Kim for stating that he will rejoin the groups upon the filing of an RCE. Applicant's statement of the substance of the interview in this regard is presented in detail in the Amendment and Reply to the Final Office Action, filed December 2, 2008, that accompanied the filing of a Request for Continued Examination. Applicant had not yet received the Interview Summary at the time that the Amendment and Reply was filed. Applicant requests that the Statement of Substance of the Interview as filed December 2, 2008 in the formal written reply to the last office action be incorporated herein and accepted as Applicant's statement of the substance of the interview in the reply to the requirement on the Interview Summary Form.

Conclusion

All of the stated grounds of objection and rejection have been properly traversed, accommodated, or rendered moot. Applicant therefore respectfully requests that the Examiner reconsider all presently outstanding objections and rejections and that they be withdrawn. Applicant believes that a full and complete reply has been made to the outstanding Office Action and, as such, the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Prompt and favorable consideration of this application is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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